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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

**Date:** December 12, 2014  
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### **Fire Department receives \$1,000 Donation Dr. Joy Watson & Lazarus Foundation allow for new Equipment Purchase**

The Branson Fire Department was out at the Old School Park, on Highway 76, testing out at new SKEDCO Tri-pod. The piece is used to provide a stable point to insert rescue personnel into various types of technical rescue operations.

The purchase of this new piece of equipment was made possible by a \$1,000 donation from Dr. Joy Watson and the Lazarus Foundation.



Tom Watson and Dr. Joy Watson present a check to  
Firefighter Jason Bruck and Fire Chief Ted Martin

Dr. Watson operates the Healing Tree Health Club, in Berryville Arkansas, and also in the Victorian Village in Branson, on Shepherd of the Hills Expressway. She expressed her desire to give back to the community, and identified this equipment need for the Branson Fire & Rescue.



The SKEDCO Tri-pod will broaden the rescue ability of the Branson Fire Department by allowing rescue personnel to more safely and effectively reach victims who are in confined spaces, down rocky slopes, or within a trench.

The Fire Department is grateful for the support of Dr. Joy Watson.

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